80. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. N. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Trivandrum taluk, Group II*) first spoke on the need for the following public works in the Trivandrum taluk :—

(1) Conversion of the trace from Uliyazhattura Pakuthi Cutcherry to Pothenkod into a cart road. It was only two miles long but much frequented and useful to the public.

(2) The Shiyaram-Pothenkod-Nedumangad road was in a neglected condition and its annual maintenance was not attended to properly. The road was miry during rainy season and full of ruts. It should be improved and metalled.

(3) Conversion of the trace from Kumarapuram *Kanjipura* to Kadakampalli Pakuthi Cutcherry into a cart road. It was largely used by the inhabitants of Kadakampalli and Cheruvikkal *pakuthies*. The trace was broad enough to be converted into a cart road.

(4) Extension of the Chackai-Kadakampalli road to the Veli backwater. The estimate had already been prepared. It should be sanctioned and the work started soon.

(5) Opening of a road from Kuttikad near the Manakad junction to Paravankunnu on the sea-shore in Muttathara *pakuthi*. The work had been sanctioned two years back but not taken in hand so far. It should be expedited.

(6) The Chalai road should be widened to relieve the congestion of traffic there or, in the alternative, the Kochar road should be widened to serve as a relief road to the former. The same representation was made at the previous session and then the Government said that the matter was under consideration. It should be taken up without further delay.

(7) As a result of representations made at previous sessions, a ramp was provided across the Tettiyar at Vettiyod. But the channel was flooded during several days every year and the ramp did not serve any useful purpose. A bridge should therefore be constructed at an early date.

The Parakottukonathu and Odoor *chiras* at Chempazhanthi in Uliyazhattura *pakuthi* and the Cheraikulam in Nallanchirakonam *yela* in the Madathuvilakam *pakuthi* were silted up and encroached upon by adjacent land-owners and consequently the wet lands irrigated by those tanks suffered from scarcity of water. The encroachments should be immediately removed and the tanks restored and made useful for irrigation.

The inhabitants of the *pakuthies* west of Odoor were put to much hardship and inconvenience for want of proper medical aid. A dispensary in a central place like Kazhakkuttam would be of much use to the inhabitants of those *pakuthies*. The Government had felt the need for a dispensary for those *pakuthies* and even proposed to locate it at Pothenkod. At the last session, the Dewan said in reply to a representation that the question of locating the proposed dispensary at Pothenkod

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would be considered. But since then, it would appear that the idea had been given up. A dispensary at Kazhakkoottam was indispensable and should be opened there.

The inhabitants of the *pakuthies* forming Group II of the Trivandrum taluk were put to much hardship and loss owing to the absence of a Magistrate's court in any of the *pakuthies*. The nearest court was at Trivandrum which was miles away. A Magistrate's court should therefore be established at Kazhakoottam. The subject had been represented at successive sessions of the Assembly for the past 20 years; but the District Magistrate, it would appear, had reported that the number of cases from the western *pakuthies* did not justify the opening of a separate Magistrate's court for them. The District Magistrate might not have taken all the 10 western *pakuthies* of the taluk into account but only the four *pakuthies* bordering the Chirayinkil taluk. The majority of the cases filed in the Trivandrum Town Magistrate's court were from those *pakuthies*. The matter should be reconsidered and a Magistrate's court opened at Kazhakoottam.

Prior to the formation of the Thonnakkal Sub-Registry Office, the Pallipuram and Andurkonam *pakuthies* were included in the jurisdiction of the Kazhakoottam Sub Registry Office. When a new office was opened at Thonnakkal, those *pakuthies* were included in the jurisdiction of that office to the great inconvenience of the people there. The jurisdiction over those *pakuthies* should be fixed as of old and the grievances of the people redressed. The Director of Registration objected to the proposal because of the heavy work involved on the staff of the Kazhakoottam Sub-Registry office. The convenience of the people could not be ignored on that account. The difficulty pointed out could be obviated by a readjustment of the staff of the new office and that of the Thonnakkal Sub-Registry Office.

The Trivandrum town was growing in population and with a view to promote its well-being and to remove the congestion, a proper town-planning scheme should be prepared. The Government should bestow their earnest attention on the matter.

Lastly, another important and vital need of the town was a proper system of drainage. Want of proper drainage of sewage water was the cause of several diseases. The evil was likely to be aggravated when the water supply scheme became an accomplished fact. The question should be taken up by the Government and not left to the Municipality.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Madhavan Nayar, as regards the first point of your representation, I shall refer it to the Road Board.

As regards the second point, Government understand that the road does not stand in urgent need of metalling. I have, however, no objection to refer your suggestion to the Road Board.

Points 3 and 4 raised in your representation will also be referred to the Road Board.

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Then as regards the 5th point, about the construction of the sanctioned road from Kuttikad to the sea-shore at Paravankunnu, an estimate has been sanctioned and sent to the Municipal Council. You yourself know that the Municipality has agreed to bear 30 per cent. of the cost. It will also be referred to the Road Board.

Then in regard to the widening of the Chalai road or, in the alternative, widening of the Kochar road, that is a question that will be taken up along with the scheme under consideration for widening the approach roads to the Central Station. This question of widening the Chalai road or the Kochar road will be investigated then.

As regards the construction of a bridge over the Tettiyar, Government think that a bridge will be too costly and therefore they have provided a ramp. But if, as you said, the bridge is absolutely necessary, that will be referred to the Road Board.

With regard to your suggestions in respect of irrigation, I may say that the investigation of the tank known as Parakottukonathukulam has been finished and an estimate will be preprred soon. With regard to the Odoor *chira* in the Chempazhanti *yela*, the tank in the Madattuvilakam *pakuthi*, and other tanks, their investigation will be taken up in due course.

Your eighth point was about the establishment of a dispensary at Kazhakuttam. As I said in reply to previous representations, there is a comprehensive scheme under consideration as regards dispensaries and hospitals and this matter will also be referred to the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

As regards the establishment of a Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kazhakuttam, you seem to be under a mistaken impression that the number of Magistrate's Courts in the taluk is not sufficient. As a matter of fact, the figures given by the District Magistrate show that there is not a sufficient number of cases in the eleven *pakuthies* of the Trivandrum taluk that might be brought under the jurisdiction of the proposed Magistrate. You mentioned only 10 *pakuthies*.

MEMBER :—Yes, Sir, 10 *pakuthies*.

DEWAN :—Under these circumstances, Government think that there is no necessity for the establishment of a Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kazhakuttam.

Then about the re-transfer of the Pallipuram and Andurkonam *pakuthies* to the jurisdiction of the Kazhakuttam Sub-Registry Office. Already the Kazhakuttam Sub-Registry Office is overworked and I do no think that the retransfer would in any way benefit the said *pakuthies*. In fact, it will put the people of the two *pakuthies* to greater in convenience.

You wanted a town-planning scheme for the Trivandrum town. That is a matter which the Municipality should take up. As I said in answer to previous representations, Government are not standing in its way and they are investigating the scheme.

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Lastly, you referred to drainage. I have only to refer to the answer given by me to another member.

81. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of the Trivandrum taluk :—

(1) A Police outpost should be opened at Kalpalakadavu. The Government had decided that it was not necessary. While there were three Police Stations within a distance of a mile, *viz.*, at Chalai, Puthanchanthai and Cantonment, it was strange that they had decided not to have a Police Station at Vallakadavu where traffic was heavy and grave crimes were committed, some of which were not brought to light. It was highly necessary to have a Police outpost at Kalpalakadavu or transfer one of the stations on the main road there.

(2) The Karali road from Kalpalakadavu to Chackai should be widened and parapet walls put up. But the Government had stated that the cost would be prohibitive. There were dangerous cuttings and bends on this road. In those places at least, parapet walls should be put up.

(3) Vallakadavu being a crowded locality, an evening market was an absolute necessity. The people were now put to much hardship and inconvenience in having to go to Petta or other distant places to purchase their daily necessaries.

(4) The District and Munsiff's Courts buildings at Trivandrum were ill-ventilated and dilapidated. Even in broad daylight there was darkness. The buildings should be reconstructed and the premises levelled.

(5) The Vakils were put to much inconvenience in not having a decent waiting shed in the premises of the District Court. The room set apart for their use was little better than a cow-shed. A decent waiting shed should therefore be put up at a very early date.

(6) A Government hospital at Kazhakuttam or Pallipuram was an absolute necessity. The Mission hospital at the former place was not of any use to the poor people.

(7) A Magistrate's Court at Kazhakkuttam was another indispensable necessity. The previous members had already spoken about it and been given a reply.

(8) Lastly, the Chackai railway *satram* should be thrown open to all classes of people.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abdur Rahiman Sahib, as regards point (1), as you yourself say, you have got a reply from Government. Your suggestion is that it should be re-considered in view of the reasons mentioned by you. According to the Police Commissioner, there is no necessity for an outpost at Kalpalakadavu.

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